

STORAGE LIMITS FOR FOODS

Product	Refrigerator (40 °F)	Freezer (0 °F)
Eggs		
Fresh, in shell	3 to 5 weeks	Don't freeze
Hardcooked	1 week	Don't freeze well
Hot dogs & Luncheon Meats		
Hot dogs, opened package	1 week	1 to 2 months
Unopened package	2 weeks	1 to 2 months
Luncheon meats, opened package	3 to 5 days	1 to 2 months
Unopened package	2 weeks	1 to 2 months
Bacon & Sausage		
Bacon	7 days	1 month
Sausage, raw from chicken, turkey, pork, beef	1 to 2 days	1 to 2 months
Ham		
Ham, fully-cooked vacuum sealed at plant, undated, unopened	2 weeks	1 to 2 months
Ham, fully-cooked, whole	7 days	1 to 2 months
Hamburger, Ground & Stew Meat		
Hamburger & stew meat; Ground turkey, veal, pork, lamb & mixtures of them	1 to 2 days	3 to 4 months
Fresh Beef, Veal, Lamb, Pork		
Steaks	3 to 5 days	6 to 12 months
Chops	3 to 5 days	4 to 6 months
Roasts	3 to 5 days	4 to 12 months
Soup & Stews		
Vegetable or meat added	3 to 4 days	2 to 3 months
Meat Leftovers		
Cooked meat and meat casseroles	3 to 4 days	2 to 3 months
Gravy and meat broth	1 to 2 days	2 to 3 months

Fresh Poultry		
Chicken or turkey, whole	1 to 2 days	1 year
Chicken or turkey, pieces	1 to 2 days	9 months
Cooked Poultry		
Fried chicken	3 to 4 days	4 months
Pieces, plain	3 to 4 days	4 months
Chicken nuggets, patties	1 to 2 days	1 to 3 months
Pizza		
Pizza	3 to 4 days	1 to 2 months
Beverages, Fruit		
Juices in cartons, fruit drinks, punch	3 weeks unopened 7 to 10 days opened	8 to 12 months
Dairy		
Butter	1 to 3 months	6 to 9 months
Cheese, Hard (such as Cheddar, Swiss)	6 months, unopened 3 to 4 weeks, opened	6 months
Cheese, Soft (such as Brie, Bel Paese)	1 week	6 months
Cottage Cheese, Ricotta	1 week	Doesn't freeze well
Cream Cheese	2 weeks	Doesn't freeze well
Margarine	4 to 5 months	12 months
Milk	7 days	3 months
Sour cream	7 to 21 days	Doesn't freeze
Yogurt	7 to 14 days	1 to 2 months